

CAPITOL CHIPS

DEPARTMENTAL SHAVINGS

In the Various Committees at Both Wings
of the Capitol—Preparing Legislation—
Work in the Departments of
the Government.

Senate in executive session confirmed the following nominations yesterday: A. L. Morrison, United States marshal for New Mexico; J. Pennypacker, of North Carolina, collector of customs, district of Wilmington, N. C.

that were reported adversely from the Federal Relations Committee of the Senate yesterday for referring the awards made by the United States to the Board of Claims for examination and adjudication.

Representative Ranney, chairman of the subcommittee on elections, had the contested election of Blaine v. Friley under consideration. The committee members present and agreed unanimously to the full committee in favor of Blaine and to the full committee in favor of Friley. They were to provide for the formation and admission of the United States to the Union of the State of Washington. Initially a copy of the Bill introduced in the House by Representative Bonds in December last, was introduced in the Senate by the Senate a portion of the Territory of Idaho, the Senate Committee on Commerce yesterday.

It was held a special meeting to-morrow

on the subject of interstate commerce in relation with printed copies of the argument made before the House committee and additional arguments as may be presented. The committee is authorized to present the argument of the Senate committee to hear an argument on the subject.

President sent the following nomination to the Senate Thursday: John H. Smith, of North Carolina, to be minister-resident and consul-general to the United States to Liberia; Robert S. Johnson, of the District of Columbia, to be United States consul at Port Erie, Jamaica; Newell C. Smith, of New York, to be United States consul at Gulfport, Mississippi; John W. Schuchamp, of Indiana, to be United States consul at St. Gall; James W. Wilson, of Missouri, to be United States consul at Three Rivers, Quebec.

Members of the House committee held a meeting yesterday and an anti-segregationist Representative Ranney, of Massachusetts, made a report to the full committee in the case of Bisbee vs. Finley, from the State of Alabama. The report will be in favor of settling the case. It is expected that Mr. Ranney will make his report on Tuesday next. Final argument in the contested case of Lowe vs. Wheeler, from the Eighth District of Alabama, will be heard on Wednesday of next week.

A pronounced Republican, is in accord with the fitness of the changed majority. Dawson was highly indorsed by many disaffected citizens, including General Grant, who accompanied to Mexico, and his qualifications for the position are unquestioned. The House Committee on Naval Affairs met yesterday, and after further consideration of the question as to the advisability of completing the unfinished monitors which are now on the stocks at various ship-yards along the Delaware river, and the one which, since the Pacific coast was cut off by war, has been the only one of the class built against the possibility of the destruction of the vessel. A resolution was introduced recommending that \$2,500,000 be appropriated for the purpose. Representative Thoms

that it be referred, together with the report of the committee on the subject, to the Committee on Appropriations. One member of the committee refrained from voting.

Representative Harris, of Massachusetts, chairman of the Naval Committee, says the statement of the committee decided at its meeting yesterday to recommend an appropriation of \$2,500,000 for completion of the monitors is not correct. The committee has not yet disposed of the matter. Representative Thionne, a member of the committee, says that the statement is untrue. He says that Representative Harris, of New Jersey, says there is still some difference of opinion as to the method of construction of the monitors.

undant time for extended ap-
proval. The committee adopted a
resolution yesterday morning, and did not intend
public what action had been taken on the
bill. With the exception, however, of the
fact that final action was taken, the previous
action is correct. One member says that the
committee, just before adjournment, reconsidered
the bill, and left the matter open for final dis-
position.

A greater part of yesterday's executive session
was consumed in a contest over the nomination
of S. Cooper as Internal revenue collector for
the sixth district of North Carolina. His com-
petence was earnestly opposed by the two
North Carolina Senators, on the ground
that the collector should be a resident of the

and to the majority of the people of the State. A vote on the question of confirmation resulted—yeas 23, nays 3; but the order of the rejection was immediately rescinded and all flour to lay the motion on the table were successfully resisted to resort to filibustering tactics, and the Senate adjourned without final action. The above-mentioned was a strictly party question, except that Senator Davis, of Illinois, united with the Democrats in voting against confirmation, and Messrs. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, and Logan did not vote with the Republicans, but were understood to be paired with each other, although in what manner was not stated.

WARD, HUTCHINSON & Co., of Washington have been awarded the contract for sheathing at the custom-house, Cincinnati, Ohio. Receipts from internal revenue yesterday were \$23,900.22, and from customs \$80,567.09. The total bank notes received for redemption yesterday amounted to \$179,000.

H. HARDICK has been appointed internal revenue storekeeper for the first district of Illinois. George J. McNamara storekeeper for the sixth district of Kentucky.

Seals were opened at the Treasury Department yesterday for coal, to be delivered at Key West for the use of the Revenue Marine Service. The base of New York was the lowest bidder and will be awarded the contract.

Under the one hundred and fifth cap. 950; under the one hundred and sixth cap. 960; under the one hundred and seventh cap. 970.

The Patent-Office has issued a supplement to the *Official Gazette*, which contains a large amount of valuable information as to the classification of inventions, the various examining divisions, the duties of the examiners, the duties of the clerks, and the instructions for those who draw or specify drawings or specifications of patents.

In connection it may be said that a statement issued on the 20th instant shows that the total amount of cash receipts in the Patent-Office this year averaged over \$500 per day beyond the corresponding time last year, which shows to what great extent the business has increased.

It is the intention of Congress to endeavor to obtain from Congress the authority for the extension of the additional demands, so that the current work may be kept fully up.

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The Star-Route Cases.

Yesterday morning in the Criminal Court the route cases were called. Mr. Bliss and the district Attorney appeared for the Government. Messrs. Carpenter, Totten, Ingersoll, J. A. B. Williams, A. K. Browne, and Charles were present for the defendants. None of the defense were present. Colonel Bliss opened the

Colonel Totten said that it was impossible to plead to the indictments. Colonel Totten said that the half of the defense, said they were not prepared to plead yet; that they merely came in to report progress. Counsel would, in a few days enter a motion which would maintain the case. Colonel Bliss said the Government wanted long enough for all reasonable purposes.

Colonel Totten said that it was impossible to read through the indictments in the morning. He would allow the defendants to be required to plead. Judge Tamm said he would allow the defendants to appear to prepare their cases and would make his appearance then preemptory.

The Bill of Exceptions.

A conference will be held this morning to

bill of exceptions. It is the expectation of the matter without his reference to Judge Mr. Scoville expects to leave the city early. He will wait to see John W. Gultean, expected to arrive to-day. The object of being here at this time is to consult with him in regard to his affairs. Mr. Scoville, the prisoner will have nothing to do with and flies into a passion whenever he sees John Gultean will try to arrange for some one to take charge of the case.

Philadelphia, was taken off the car with a coroner's breast with the words, "I'm sick; please get out for me." The woman appeared to be ill, and was taken to the depot-master's office, where Mrs. Smith went for a minister. When she returned she found the woman dead. The body was removed to Lee's undertaking establishment and the Coroner will hold an inquest over it to-day. The woman's name could not be ascertained.